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**Sent:** Wed 2/22/2017 7:31:40 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Request for input: Upcoming Coast Salish Gathering

**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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Thanks, Susan

**From:** Bonifacino, Gina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:25 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Request for input: Upcoming Coast Salish Gathering

Hi Lisa,

Here are the requested bullets. We are still determining a path forward on the two Corps issues so please do not distribute these externally or broadly.

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1. EPA is working along with NOAA to seek clarification from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on next steps around two of the six TRAR issues that the USACE is leading:

i. **Tribes request for USACE to move the Corps Clean Water Act jurisdictional boundary from MHHW (Mean Higher High Water Mark) to HAT (Highest Astronomical Tide) to better protect ESA habitat.** An interagency workgroup report that was developed through a rigorous process over the last year with a recommendation to use MAHT (mean annual highest tide) has not yet been released by USACE. EPA would like the report to be released.

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**From:** Chang, Lisa

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:58 AM

**To:** Bonifacino, Gina <[Bonifacino.Gina@epa.gov](mailto:Bonifacino.Gina@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for input: Upcoming Coast Salish Gathering

Hi Gina,

I sent a request for input around last week but forgot to reach out to you as well for TRAR and Federal Action Plan input. Can you please see the note below and let me know if there are a few bullets we can provide Michelle/Dan with? Should I just use the transition paper briefings you put together for TRAR and PSFTF?

Thank you!

Lisa

On Feb 27-28, the “Coast Salish Gathering” (CSG; <http://www.coastsalishgathering.com/2016/>) will be held at the Tulalip Casino. The CSG is an annual gathering of Coast Salish Tribes and First Nations centered on the Salish Sea ecosystem.

Typically, the R10 RA, DRA, and/or the STPA have attended. This year, Michelle is planning to go, and Kendra is checking with Dan as to his involvement and staff support needs. In some previous years the Puget Sound team has provided support in connection with our transboundary coordination with Canada. And uniquely this year, as of several weeks ago, Jane Nishida from HQ-OITA was also planning to attend, but we have not confirmed that recently.

Kendra said some pre-brief materials would be helpful for Michelle, so I wanted to check in with you to see if you have any updates or points to include, and whether you would like to participate in the pre-brief (2/23, 9:30-10):

- Mike – one of the agenda items is “Climate Change Impacting the Salish Sea,” so updates on resources/activities relating to climate change that could be helpful to Salish Sea tribes

- Erik and Josie – one of the agenda items is “Challenges of the Salish Sea: Transportation and Growth – Vessel and Rail Traffic Impacts” – any updates from EPA programs relating to this topic would be helpful (e.g., has ERSMU commented on any energy transportation-related projects in the Salish Sea ecosystem recently?)

- JR – any general TTAU or EPA Tribal updates that may be helpful or of interest to Michelle would be great.

We will include Puget Sound program updates, including an update on the Treaty Rights at Risk initiative, and the Puget Sound National Estuary Program.

Any other suggestions you might have for developing pre-brief materials for Michelle would be welcome! Thank you,

Lisa

**From:** Tyler, Kendra  
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**Subject:** FW: Upcoming Coast Salish Gathering

**From:** Debra Lekanoff [<mailto:dlekanoff@swinomish.nsn.us>]  
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**Subject:** RE: Upcoming Coast Salish Gathering

Acting Regional Administrator,

What a great response from EPA HQ and Regional Offices, DFO, ECHO, Environment Canada, Ministry of Environment, Army Corp, WA Tribes and British Columbia First Nations.

We are expecting a good turn out from the 40 plus BC First Nations and 29 WA Tribes. I believe we will find a fine balance in our policy platform in addressing the important challenges and opportunities we all are facing in the Salish Sea. We have spent 13 years grow our governmental relationships with our federal, state, provincial, tribal and first nations, and the Gathering is just the place to be together on common grounds.

I will be honest, we are seeking the balance at the table and we are excited to hear from our trustee. Your Agency has been the foundation of our success in ecosystem approaches, and continues to be a great voice that are so vital to the success of next steps.

We know the schedules for Acting Regional Administrator is quite busy during this time, please know that we will have a seat for your agency at the table. If you cannot make it; please send appropriate Senior Policy and/or Legal staff to attend, as your agency Voice is valued by all. Based on the agenda it may be good to reach to Dan Opalski, and those members in Tribal, Water, Permitting and General Counsel.

The website is updated with and agenda and online registration and the Tulalip is booking up fast, so please make your plans soon.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Debra

**From:** Tyler, Kendra [<mailto:Tyler.Kendra@epa.gov>]  
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**Subject:** Upcoming Coast Salish Gathering

Hi Deb-

I talked to Michelle Pirzadeh yesterday, and she asked me to follow up with you about the Coast Salish Gathering. Please let me know when you have the final agenda, and also if there is any

role that Michelle might have during the event. If there are any key messages that we want to make sure she shared with tribal leadership, please let me know. If I remember correctly in the past we have been very careful to send only one or two EPA attendees. Is this still the case, and is there anyone else from EPA (in addition to Jane Nishida) that you would like to make sure can attend the gathering?

Thank you!  
Kendra Tyler

Special assistant to the Regional Administrator

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